

## CHAPTER 1. ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCK (APS) PROGRAM

### 1-1. APS PROGRAM BACKGROUND

a. The traditional methods of locating sustainment stocks in Theater Reserve sites under local or theater commander control is no longer consistent with supporting the dynamics of a rapidly changing world with constrained resources - nor is it in keeping with current policy objectives. The Army has become a much smaller, predominantly Continental United States (CONUS)-based force. The Army's Strategic Mobility Program, when fully implemented, will greatly expand the Army's ability to quickly move personnel and equipment to potential contingencies throughout the world. Forward presence will be achieved through minimum Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) stationing, with increased reliance on unit rotations and exercise deployments to provide stability in dynamic regions. To accomplish this objective, a balance of airlift, sealift, and sustainment (prepositioned equipment and supplies) is needed to provide the ability to project forces worldwide and sustain those forces during a contingency.

b. In May 1992, the Chief of Staff, Army (CSA) directed a reduction in War Reserve (WR) and Operational Project (OP) stocks and transferred management and accountability responsibilities for this materiel to the Army Materiel Command (AMC) and Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG), for Supply Class (SC) VIII. The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) was designated by OTSG as the executive agent for SC VIII materiel and manager of the SC VIII portion of the Army War Reserve (AWR) Program. In 1998, the AWR Program was redesignated Army Prepositioned Stock (APS). In 2004 APS-3 was redesignated as Army Regional Flotilla (ARF). In 2005 APS-3 was redesignated as Army Strategic Flotilla (ASF).

### 1-2. APS AND SC VIII APS LOCATIONS

a. The objective of the CSA APS management policy is to change the use and ownership of APS materiel from specific Combatant Commands (COCOM) and theaters to a common user stockpile of equipment and supplies that can support the worldwide requirements of any warfighting COCOM. These stocks now fall under the broad heading of APS materiel and are grouped into five regions. APS-1 consists of CONUS based stocks, APS-2 stocks are stored in Europe, APS-3 stocks are prepositioned aboard ships, APS-4 stocks are located in the Pacific, and APS-5 covers Southwest Asia. The APS program encompasses prepositioned Brigade/Unit Sets, Operational Projects (OP), and sustainment stocks.

b. As the SC VIII APS Program Manager, the USAMMA maintains all total item property records on in-house systems. To accomplish the day-to-day management of SC VIII APS materiel, the USAMMA uses existing activities as accountable Activities to maintain and manage prepositioned assets.

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| <b>APS-1</b> | Health and Human Services<br>Kelley USA<br>Anniston Army Depot |
| <b>APS-2</b> | U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe (USAMMCE)             |

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| <b>APS-3</b> Various afloat ships and Army Materiel Command (AMC) Combat Equipment Group Afloat (CEG-A), Charleston, SC  |
| <p><b>NOTE:</b> These sets do not contain exclusionary items such as controlled drugs, refrigerated, or P&amp;D items. Two methods exist to provide these items:</p> <p>(1) The deploying medical unit will bring them To Accompany Troops (TAT), and/or</p> <p>(2) These items will be provided to the receiving medical unit by the Logistics Support Element, Medical Logistics Support Team (LSE MLST), if a push package from Charleston is required.</p> |
| <b>APS-4</b> Camp Carroll, Waegan, Korea<br>Sagami Army Depot, Sagami, Japan<br>Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan  |
| <b>APS-5</b> Combat Equipment Base – Kuwait (CEB-KU)<br>Combat Equipment Group – Qatar (CEB-Q)   |

c. The USAMMA has Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs), Interservice Support Agreements (ISSAs), and Statements of Work (SOWs) with the activities to govern APS operations at the storage sites. In addition, the USAMMA personnel make periodic visits to the activities in order to resolve issues and view APS assets.

### 1-3. SC VIII APS ASSETS

a. The USAMMA has the SC VIII materiel below prepositioned to support the warfight.

- (1) Four (4) Brigade Sets:
  - One (1) Immediate Ready Force Battalion (BN) – stored at USAMMCE
  - One (1) in Korea - 2x2
  - One (1) in Kuwait - 2x2 issued for OIF, pending “set the force” funding
  - One (1) Patriot BN in Qatar – pending “set the force” funding
- (2) Two Afloat: Two (2) 1x1 two currently uploaded:
  - Army Strategic Flotilla (ASF) – ASF I, II, III ships
  - Combat Support ships

The medical Standard Requirement Codes (SRCs), which designate the type of units which will be prepositioned for medical, are still being reviewed.

(3) Line Item and Set Configured Sustainment Stocks: Health and Human Services, Kelley USA, Korea and Japan. Assets stored Afloat and in Qatar were issued for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), pending “set the force” funding.

(4) Operational Projects (OP): Anniston Army Depot, USAMMCE, Korea, and Japan. Assets stored in Kuwait and Qatar were issued for OIF, pending MACOM revalidation and "set the force" funding.

b. Until AMC (Field Support Command) completes the Automated Battlebook System (ABS) for each theater and the USAMMA completes the Medical Battlebooks, visibility of specific sets and their pack data can be provided to units by contacting their higher headquarters. The higher headquarters, in turn, will notify the Strategic Capabilities and Materiel Directorate (SCMD) at the USAMMA.

#### **1-4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

a. Deploying units identified to receive APS medical assets are strongly encouraged to contact their higher headquarters. The higher headquarters, in turn, will contact the SCMD, DSN 343-4428 or 301-619-4428. SCMD will provide asset visibility down to the National Stock Number (NSN) level for all APS medical supplies and equipment and will recommend supplies and equipment the unit must bring as to accompany troops (TAT).

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b. Additionally, personnel from the SCMD Directorate can discuss operational and logistical issues for consideration during pre-deployment, deployment, and re-deployment; call DSN 343-4408 or 301-619-4408.

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